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# (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Los Angeles – UCLA Cancels Classes Following Mass Shooting Threat

(U) UCLA canceled all in-person classes today after a former lecturer apparently emailed threats to members of the school community and posted a video online that referenced a mass shooting. The former philosophy department postdoctoral researcher, identified as Matthew Harris, posted a video containing footage from the 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas and clips from the movie "Zero Day," which is based on the mass killing at Columbine High School. Harris also posted an 800-page manifesto titled "DEATH Sentences." The manifesto, which Harris writes is "dedicated to domestic terrorism and violence" calls for "death to America" and urges people to "go forth and murder them out of existence." School officials said late Monday that they were not sure if Harris was even in California but that all classes would be held remotely Tuesday out of "an abundance of caution." A UCLA spokesperson confirmed Tuesday morning that out-of-state law enforcement has the person who made the threats "under observation" and that the person is not in California.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, KTLA5

# (U) Los Angeles – LAPD Ramps Up Security Leading Up to Super Bowl LVI

(U) The Los Angeles Police Department says it is increasing patrols around the city to meet public safety needs for Super Bowl activities at NFL venues and other locations, with hundreds of additional officers in uniform. "These added staffing resources will ensure our community remains safe while deterring any celebratory unruly conduct or other disruptions," LAPD said in a news release.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, KTLA5

#### (U) Pomona – Suspect Smashes USPS Vehicle Window, Steals Mail

(U) A man was caught on camera throwing an object at a US Postal Service (USPS) delivery vehicle and stealing a box of mail. The mail theft occurred while a USPS mail carrier made his deliveries. The incident was captured on a neighbor's surveillance camera. A man could be seen exiting his car from the passenger side, looking to see if anyone is around, and then hurling an object at the window of the USPS vehicle, shattering the glass. The man then reaches in and takes off with a box full of mail before someone else inside the car drives off. Pomona police are also investigating and say they have spoken to the mail carrier.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, KRON4

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – US CBP Officers Seize Marijuana Worth More Than \$692K

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized narcotics, that totaled more than \$692,000 in street value. The seizure occurred, at the World Trade Bridge, after CBP officers encountered a tractor manifesting a shipment of air conditioning units arriving from Mexico. The tractor and trailer were referred for a canine and non-intrusive imaging system inspection, resulting in the

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discovery of 167 packages containing 3461.25-pounds of alleged marijuana within the commodity. The narcotics had an estimated street value of \$692,244.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, CBP

#### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia - US Federal Prisons on Lockdown After Two Texas Inmates Killed

(U) Washington – The federal prison system has been placed on a nationwide lockdown after two inmates were killed and two others were injured during a gang altercation at USP Beaumont, a federal penitentiary in Texas. The altercation involved members of the violent MS-13 street gang. The lockdown, being instituted at the agency's more than 120 federal prisons across the US, was prompted by fears of potential retaliation and concern violence could spread to other facilities. SOURCE: 31 January 2022, WOKV

#### (U) District of Columbia – Seven Historically Black Colleges and Universities Receive Bomb Threats

(U) Washington – For the second time this month, at least seven historically black universities and colleges have received bomb threats. Howard University, Bowie State University, Bethune-Cookman University, Southern University, Delaware State University, Judson Bible College and Albany State University have all reported potential threats. The US Federal Bureau of Investigation is aware of the series of bomb threats and is working with law enforcement to address potential threats. SOURCE: 31 January 2022, <u>ABC News</u>

#### (U) Illinois - Synagogue, School Vandalized; Police Questioning Person of Interest

(U) Chicago – Police are investigating vandalism on at least five locations, including a synagogue and a Jewish school. Someone spray-painted a swastika on the F.R.E.E. Synagogue then walked a block and spray-painted hate symbols on a cargo container at a Jewish high school. Police were at the scene of another Jewish school in the same area overnight. All the incidents happened around or near a neighborhood full of Jewish establishments and they took place just days after Holocaust Remembrance Day. Meanwhile, police said they are questioning a person of interest, but they have not said if all the incidents are linked.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, ABC7

## (U) New York – Two Nurses Made \$1.5M in Fake Vaccine Card Scheme, Prosecutors Say

(U) Long Island – Julie DeVuono, 49, the owner and operator of Wild Child Pediatric Healthcare and her employee Marissa Urraro, 44, were arrested for allegedly forging COVID-19 vaccination cards and entering the false shots in the state's database in a scheme that raked in over \$1.5 million, according to prosecutors. They allegedly forged the official cards to indicate a vaccine was given to an undercover detective on one or more occasion even though they never received the shot. They charged \$220 for adults and \$85 for children for the false vaccination cards. Both women were charged with one count of second-degree forgery. DeVuono was also charged with first-degree offering a false instrument for filing, according to the release.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, NBC News

## (U) INTERNATIONAL

### (U) Germany - Two Police Officers Shot Dead, Two Suspects Detained

(U) Berlin – Two police officers were shot dead on a rural road in western Germany while on a routine

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patrol, police said. Two suspects were detained hours later. The officers radioed shots were being fired during a traffic check near Kusel, spokesman Bernhard Christian Erfort said. Erfort said he didn't know whether the officers had seen something particular about the assailants' vehicle that they wanted to check or whether it was just a routine check.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, US News

### (U) Kenya – At Least 10 Killed When Vehicle Runs Over Explosive

(U) Nairobi – A local official in northeastern Kenya says at least 10 people are dead after their vehicle ran over an explosive device on a highway. Northeastern regional commander George Seda said the blast occurred outside Mandera town. It was not clear how many people were in the vehicle. Police suspect the explosive device was placed by al-Shabab extremists operating in the area after crossing from nearby Somalia.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, ABC News

# (U) Lebanon - US-Allied Syria Force Foils Major ISIS Comeback Plot

(U) Beirut – A US-backed Kurdish-led force said Monday that a prison overrun by the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) group in northeastern Syria was now fully under its control, thwarting a dangerous plot by the extremists to launch further, multiple attacks across the volatile region. At a press conference, SDF commander Nowruz Ahmad said the IS prison attack aimed at liberating a number of terrorist detainees, but also was part of a broader plot that IS had been preparing for a long time. According to seized documents, the extremist group had planned attacks on other neighborhoods in Hassakeh, the town of Shaddada and areas of Deir el-Zour in eastern Syria. Also planned were simultaneous attacks on the al-Hol camp, which houses thousands of families of ISIS members. SOURCE: 31 January 2022, AP News

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